Schaumburg, IL – Yesterday, Congresswoman Melissa Bean hosted her first Leadership Summit of 2007, at which several elected officials from various governmental levels in Illinois's Eighth Congressional District assembled with Bean at Roosevelt University in Schaumburg.

The meeting gave Bean an opportunity to not only update the attendees on her work in Washington and the district, but to also field questions and listen to local concerns. There was an open dialogue on various topics including transportation, health care and local economic issues. More than 25 State Senators, Township Supervisors, Mayors, Village Trustees, Highway Commissioners, School Board Members and other officials attended, including Barrington Hills Village President Robert Abboud, Round Lake Mayor Bill Gentes, Palatine Mayor Rita Mullins, Rolling Meadows Mayor Ken Nelson, State Senator Dan Kotowski, and State Senator Michael Noland.

Bean began hosting such summits shortly after taking office in January of 2005 and has since convened them several times each year to listen to local leaders about the highest priority issues in their communities and to directly discuss with them her efforts in Congress.

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